

# WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN COUNTIES JULY 2003



## Metro Rate Unchanged, State & National Rates Increase

### June Local Labor Scene

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the **Janesville/Beloit Metropolitan Area** was unchanged in June at 6.3 percent. The 6.3 percent figure is 0.4 percentage points lower than the 6.7 percent rate recorded in June 2002. Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 5.6 percent in June, 0.2 percentage points higher than May's rate of 5.4 percent.

Five out of six Southwest Counties experienced increasing unadjusted unemployment rates in June, joining the 66 of Wisconsin's 72 counties that had higher unadjusted unemployment rates in June than in May. Iowa Country was one of only six Wisconsin Counties where unemployment declined in June, as compared to May. June is a vibrant month with respect to the labor force and characteristically shows many new entrants into the labor force. These new entrants include high school and college students, recent graduates from educational institutions, and persons seeking seasonal summer employment. This increased activity shows more employed and will usually show more individuals unemployed, as well, compared to May. It is usual and typical in Wisconsin local labor markets can not absorb all the new entrants to the labor market in one month (June).

### Statewide Notes

Total non-farm wage and salary employment in Wisconsin increased by 30,800 jobs over the month to a total of 2,828,900 jobs. Leading the gaining industries were 10,600 more jobs in the leisure and hospitality sector, which includes employment in food and accommodation services and in arts, entertainment, and recreation.

Annual growth in jobs were found in services-producing industries as the goods producing sectors of construction and manufacturing continue to show an annual employment decrease.

### National Notes

Average weekly earnings of America's full-time wage and salary workers were \$616 in the second quarter of 2003, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported this month. This was 1.8 percent higher than a year earlier, compared with a gain of 2.2 percent in the Consumer Price Index.

The 2001 recession, the nation's first downturn in ten years, officially ended in November 2001, only eight months after it had begun, the National Bureau of Economic Research recently declared. The National Bureau of Economic Research is a group of academic economists which is the recognized arbiter of when recessions begin and end.

The national economy has been expanding for six quarters now, but actual results have been mixed. The economy grew at a 1.4 percent annual rate the

Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted)			
	Janesville/Beloit MSA	Wisconsin (000s)	United States (000s)
<b>Current month: June 2003</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	79,200	3,099.5	147,096
Employment	74,200	2,926.8	137,738
Unemployment	5,000	172.6	9,358
Unemployment rate	6.3%	5.6%	6.4%
<b>Change from one month ago</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	100	10.2	611
Employment	100	3.5	251
Unemployment	0	6.6	360
Unemployment rate	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%
<b>Change from one year ago</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	1,600	78.5	2,185
Employment	1,800	66.8	1,251
Unemployment	-200	11.6	934
Unemployment rate	-0.4%	0.3%	0.6%

*Note: All estimates are preliminary and based on place of residence.*

first quarter of 2003, unemployment hit 6.4 percent in June (the highest national rate since April 1994), and the number of people collecting jobless benefits hit a 20 year high during June 2003.

There are signs that the long downward spiral of the US manufacturing sector may have hit bottom. The US Commerce Department reported that orders for durable goods, items meant to last three years or longer, rose a stronger-than-expected 2.1 percent in June, the largest gain in nearly a year. Shipments rose 1.3 percent in June and unfilled orders increased 0.1 of a percentage point.

## Southwestern Wisconsin Workforce Development Area

June 2003	Grant	Green	Iowa	Lafayette	Richland	Rock	Region	Non MSA's *	Wisconsin
<b>Civilian Labor Force**</b>	25,313	17,485	13,992	7,531	8,552	81,113	153,986	72,873	3,164,047
Employed	23,900	16,332	13,495	7,049	8,145	75,672	144,593	68,921	2,982,426
Unemployed	1,413	1,153	497	482	407	5,441	9,393	3,952	181,621
Unemployment rate(%)	5.6	6.6	3.6	6.4	4.8	6.7	6.1	5.4	5.7
<b>Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***</b>	19,200	13,800	11,100	3,730	6,000	68,900	122,700	53,800	2,828,900
Total Private	14,400	11,700	9,500	2,600	4,900	60,000	103,000	43,000	2,410,600
Goods Producing	3,700	3,600	1,200	670	1,800	18,900	29,900	11,000	648,700
Service Producing	15,500	10,100	9,900	3,060	4,200	50,000	92,700	42,700	2,180,200
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	700	800	600	160	200	3,100	5,500	2,400	129,400
Manufacturing	3,000	2,800	600	510	1,600	15,800	24,400	8,600	519,300
Trade	2,800	2,600	5,300	690	1,100	12,900	25,300	12,400	440,200
Transportation & Utilities	500	300	300	190	100	2,700	4,200	1,500	321,400
Financial Activities	1,100	400	200	190	300	2,000	4,300	2,300	158,700
Education and Health Services	2,300	2,200	900	310	600	8,500	14,800	6,300	361,200
Leisure & Hospitality	1,800	1,500	1,200	280	500	6,100	11,400	5,300	256,400
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	2,100	1,100	400	280	400	8,900	13,100	4,200	958,400
Total Government	4,820	2,080	1,570	1,130	1,130	8,900	19,600	10,700	418,300
Federal	170	100	90	70	60	300	800	500	28,600
State	1,600	40	100	40	160	500	2,400	1,900	95,300
Local	3,060	1,940	1,380	1,020	920	8,100	16,400	8,300	294,400
<b>Change from one month ago</b>	<b>May 2003</b>								
<b>Civilian Labor Force**</b>	110	460	-300	30	0	2,100	2,400	300	87,500
Employed	10	350	-230	-40	-80	1,400	1,400	0	62,000
Unemployed	100	100	-70	60	70	700	1,000	300	25,500
Unemployment rate(%)	0.4	0.4	-0.4	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.6
<b>Total Nonfarm (NFWS)***</b>	-100	240	-260	-20	-90	800	600	-200	30,800
<b>Percent change NFWS last month</b>	-0.5%	1.7%	-2.3%	-0.6%	-1.4%	1.2%	0.5%	-0.4%	1.1%
Total Private	200	200	-300	0	0	1,000	1,200	200	36,400
Goods Producing	200	0	100	20	0	500	800	300	9,200
Service Producing	-300	200	-300	-50	-100	300	-200	-500	21,600
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	50	30	40	10	10	100	200	100	6,200
Manufacturing	140	-20	30	10	10	400	600	200	3,000
Trade	40	90	-470	10	0	100	-200	-300	7,800
Transportation & Utilities	-20	0	0	-10	0	0	0	0	5,600
Financial Activities	10	10	10	10	0	100	100	0	2,400
Education and Health Services	10	20	-20	0	10	-100	-100	0	-2,000
Leisure & Hospitality	20	50	90	20	10	100	300	200	10,600
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	0	20	10	-40	0	300	300	0	8,000
Total Government	-340	40	60	-20	-120	-200	-600	-400	-5,600
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100
State	-390	0	10	10	-40	0	-400	-400	-6,900
Local	50	30	50	-30	-80	-200	-200	0	1,400
<b>Change from one year ago</b>	<b>June 2002</b>								
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	860	-650	80	140	70	1,600	2,100	500	79,700
Employed	750	-660	-420	150	80	1,800	2,300	400	68,000
Unemployed	110	10	-40	-10	-10	-200	-200	100	11,700
Unemployment rate(%)	0.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.2
<b>Total Nonfarm (NFWS)***</b>	340	-810	-80	50	-30	600	100	-500	5,500
<b>Percent change NFWS last year</b>	1.8%	-5.6%	-0.7%	1.3%	-0.5%	0.9%	0.1%	-1.0%	0.2%
Total Private	300	-800	-100	100	0	700	300	-400	600
Goods Producing	-100	-200	-100	0	-100	100	-300	-400	-22,600
Service Producing	400	-600	0	50	0	500	400	-100	28,200
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	-20	90	-10	10	0	-100	0	100	-8,200
Manufacturing	-40	-320	-40	-10	-80	200	-300	-500	-14,500
Trade	-30	-400	-150	20	-10	600	0	-600	6,500
Transportation & Utilities	40	40	10	0	0	-100	0	100	3,200
Financial Activities	100	10	10	0	40	0	200	100	4,000
Education and Health Services	40	-10	30	50	30	100	300	100	2,200
Leisure & Hospitality	180	230	90	40	40	-200	400	600	-500
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	30	-400	-40	0	20	100	-300	-400	15,300
Total Government	30	-50	20	-60	-70	-50	-200	-100	4,900
Federal	-20	-10	0	0	0	-50	-100	0	-1,600
State	60	-10	10	10	-10	60	100	100	2,200
Local	-10	-40	20	-70	-60	-60	-200	-100	4,400

\* Five counties, excluding Rock County \*\* Includes participants residing in area. \*\*\* Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. NFWS data is benchmarked to 3/2002

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